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LETTER DATED 5 SEPTEMBER 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LUXEMBOURG TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 4 September 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union concerning the mediation efforts in the Congo (Brazzaville).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement concerning the mediation efforts in the Congo (Brazzaville) issued on 4 September 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union remains seriously concerned at the situation in the Congo and wishes to reiterate its statements of 20 June and 11 July in which it expressed the hope that the mediation efforts undertaken would rapidly lead to a peaceful resolution of the conflict. It notes with dismay that the parties to the conflict have not so far been able to overcome their differences and accept any of the draft peace agreements proposed, and that, on the contrary, the conflict has started to spread beyond the Congolese capital.

The European Union once again calls on the parties to cease hostilities immediately and permanently and to work together for the restoration of civil peace and national reconciliation.

In this context, the European Union reiterates its full support for the mediation efforts undertaken by President Bongo of Gabon and Mr. Mohamed Sahnoun, the Special Envoy of the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and Organization of African Unity. It calls upon all the Congolese parties to conclude, without delay, a peace agreement on the basis of the proposals made by the mediators.